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**Nominations Sought for Wildlands Conservancy's
Friend of the Lehigh River Awards**

(Emmaus, Pa., March 30, 2009) - Nominations are currently being sought for Wildlands Conservancy's Friend of the Lehigh River Awards. The awards are given annually by the organization in acknowledgment of individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, institutions, or governmental bodies who deserve to be recognized for their commitment to preserving, protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Lehigh River and its watershed. The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 1, 2009.

Nominations can be submitted by a one-page summary of the nominee's accomplishments and justification for receiving the award. Contact information of the nominee and the group or individual making the nomination should be included. Send the information, postmarked no later than Friday, May 1, 2009, to Friend of the Lehigh

River Award Nomination Committee, c/o Wildlands Conservancy, 3701 Orchid Place,
Emmaus, PA 18049.

This year's award winners will be announced during the closing ceremonies of Wildlands Conservancy's Lehigh River Sojourn event (Wednesday, July 1, 2009) at Hugh Moore Park, Easton.

Last year's Friend of the Lehigh River Award winners were: Stephen Baier, Peter W. Nestor, Larry Rafes, and the County of Lehigh.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth McKinney, development manager, at 610-965-4397, ext. 26 or email emckinney@wildlandspa.org.

About Wildlands Conservancy

Wildlands Conservancy is dedicated to saving the natural treasures of the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh River valley for current residents and future generations. Its mission is to preserve, protect, restore and enhance the land, water, ecological and recreational resources of the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh River valley. Established in 1973, the Conservancy collaborates with partnerships throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to achieve its goals. As a non-profit, donor-supported organization, the Conservancy has protected more than 46,000 acres of critical farmland and wildlands in 18 counties of eastern Pennsylvania. For more information, please visit www.wildlandspa.org.

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